supported by the Government of India, include Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP). IDSMT aims at the development of integrated infrastructure in selected regional centres capable of generating economic growth and employment opportunities. The projects approved under IDSMT include the strengthening/ upgradation of Master Plan roads and drains, sites and services, shopping complexes, bus terminals, Master Plan street lighting, solid waste management, etc. The Scheme applies to towns with population upto 5 lakhs. AUWSP aims at the creation of water supply facilities in towns with population less than 20,000. The details of towns taken up under IDSMT and AUWSP during the 8th Plan are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) The allocation (grant) made for Kerala for the current financial year is Rs. 25 lakhs under IDSMT. No specific allocation is made under AUWSP as release will depend on project reports received.

Statement

Towns in Kerala covered under IDSMT Scheme and AUWSP during VIII Plan, Approved Project Cost and Central Assistance Released

A: IDSMT Scheme (Rs. in Lacs)

S. No.	Name of Town	Year of Approval	Approved Project Cost	Central Assistance Released
1.	Alappuzha	1992-93	890.60	25.00
2.	Kollam	1993-94	880.60	40.00
3.	Cherthala	1994-95	166.00	13.00
4.	Aluva	-do-	170.60	30.50
5.	Thiruvalla	-do-	500.00	60.00
6.	Chalakudy	-do-	216.00	15.00
7.	Kozhikode	1995-96	947.00	62.00
8.	Chenganur	-do-	185.00	18.00
9.	Varkala	-do-	194.50	15.59
			Total :	279.09
B:	AUWSP			
1.	Paniyannur	1993-94	233.72	124.83*
2.	Pudukkad	1996-97	137.10	

* This is a consolidated amount released to the State Government for implementing the approved schemes in both these towns.

Threat Posed by Taliban

3916. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Taliban has its eyes on Kashmir now, fear analysts" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated February 19, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government continues to follow the developments in Afghanistan closely, and evaluate their implications for us. Continuous vigil is being maintained and all necessary steps to safeguard the country's security are being taken.

Legislation for Tribal Lands

3917. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have called upon the State Governments to enact legislation for preventing alienation of tribal lands;

(b) whether Government have also urged the State Governments to indicate the latest position of alienation and restoration of tribal land to enable the Government to monitor it at the national level;

(c) if so, whether all the States Governments have submitted their information to the Union Government; and

(d) the time by which the States would indicate alienation of Tribal Land Act ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The latest request sent to the State Governments was in the month of November, 1996 and only 11 State Governments submitted latest position of alienation and restoration of tribal land in the format prescribed for monitoring the same by this Ministry at the National level.

(c) and (d) All States have never submitted the information on the subject and some States do not keep such Information as they do not have any separate Act or even any provision in the existing Land Reforms Act to prevent alienation and restoration of tribal land.

Rental Tariff

3918. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :